



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
From: Mark Schell, Durham County Emergency Management
Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Executive Summary

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 mandates that counties and municipalities construct and implement a hazard mitigation plan in order to guide them in identifying risk of, and reducing vulnerability to, natural hazards which impact their community. The regulations further require that the Plan be updated and approved every five (5) years. In compliance with these regulations, a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee was formed and met for two years to review and revise the initial Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft Plan was submitted to the State of North Carolina and FEMA for approval. Having received approval, the draft Plan is now submitted to the elected bodies for adoption.

Recommendation

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing to receive comments from the citizens of Durham and adopt the approved draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

Background

The Federal requirements for the Hazard Mitigation Plan require a 5-year review and update process. In response to these Federal requirements, we submit the updated Durham County Hazard Mitigation Plan for adoption by this elected body. Once adopted, the Plan will stand as the approved jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. This will satisfy FEMA requirements and allow us to apply for Mitigation grants to defray costs associated with mitigation projects undertaken by the City of Durham.

Issues/Analysis

Failure to have an approved hazard mitigation plan could cause FEMA to decline requests for disaster funding and response reimbursement. Further, the jurisdiction would not be eligible to receive funding for mitigation projects.

Financial Impacts – There are no financial impacts to this project

SDBE Summary – There are no SDBE requirements for this project